



NEWSLETTER

Southern Piedmont Chapter Newsletter - September 2023

Dear SPASHRAE Member,

Hello SPASHRAE Members!

I want to thank you all for attending our first chapter meeting of the year 2023-2024 last week. We had an astounding 78 people in attendance, wow! Let's keep up that energy as we move forward through the year. We've got an excellent speaker for October, Tom Lawrence, and I hope to see many more of you there. Our full schedule of events is also listed below. Make sure to block out next Thursday, September 21st, from 5-7PM for our first YEA Happy Hour of the year! All are welcome and more importantly, there will be an open tab. Have a great rest of the month!

Here at SPASHRAE, we would love to hear any feedback you may have with anything related to the chapter including events, membership, and benefits. Please feel free to reach out to me or anyone else on the board to discuss ways to improve our chapter.

Regards,

Erica Powell

ASHRAE President

Southern Piedmont Chapter

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An update from your Chapter BOG Leadership:

Chuck Curlin, Historian

September 11, 2023

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History Article for Chapter Newsletter

2023 Chapters Regional Conference Recap

Every August, Region IV has our Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) where the seven chapters in ASHRAE region IV gather together to see old friends, make new ones, review the events of the previous year, and prepare for the upcoming ASHRAE year. It is the end of one ASHRAE year and the beginning of the new one, and the ASHRAE calendar runs from July 1st each year to June 30th of the following year. Names were brought forward in the nominating committee caucus for 2024-2025 positions – these individuals will start their terms July 1, 2024, subject to confirmation by the RVC or by the society nominating committee as applicable.

The seven chapters reported on their successes of the 2022-2023 year, and also shared things that may have been done better, all in the spirit of making our region stronger to better serve the region IV membership. Friday night is the awards banquet, where individuals who were outstanding for their service are recognized. Saturday, at the PAOE luncheon (Presidential Award of Excellence) the Director and Regional Chair (DRC) presents the Rudy Ferguson Award (a.k.a. “The Rudy”) to the highest performing chapter in the region for the year.

At this year’s Awards Banquet, our chapter brought home many awards – a direct reflection of the excellent leadership our chapter had with Ben Coy as president for 2022-2023. Here is a list of the winners:

<u>Regional Level Awards</u>		
Adam Parker	Certificate of Appreciation	For his service as the Regional Vice Chair for Student Activities
Don Gariepy	Chapter Service Award	For outstanding service to the chapter
Mariana Haddad	Blue Ribbon Award	Highest number of PAOE points in the region of all Membership Promotion chapter chairs

Mariana Haddad	Limelight Award	Highest net positive growth membership growth in Region IV
Chuck Curlin & Erica Powell	Best History Display	Awarded to the chapter with the best display of historical artifacts at the conference. Our chapter won because of Erica's great idea to create a Southern Piedmont "Family Tree" as part of this year's display.

Society Level Awards

Erica Powell	Research Promotion Awards	Goal Certificate, High Five Certificate, Full Circle Chevron, Runner Up in \$\$/Member, Silver Ribbon, and Challenge Goal
Erica Powell	Money Bags Award	Awarded to the Chapter RP Chair who leads the best RP campaign throughout the year
Patrick Irick	YEA Influencer Award	Awarded to the Chapter with the most outstanding Chapter communications and promotion of YEA programs
Adam Parker	RVC Service Plaque	For his service as the Regional Vice Chair for Student Activities for the term 2020-2023. (Adam served two terms as Region IV RVC for Student Activities, this was for his 2 nd term)

Over the course of the conference, and leading up to the PAOE luncheon, anticipation mounts to learn which of the seven chapters will bring home the coveted Rudy Ferguson award, and the DRC typically drags out the presentation (all in fun) to make those in contention wait just a little longer. This year the final slide revealed that the 2022-2023 Rudy winner is the Greenville Chapter. This is the first time that Greenville has ever won the award, and the Southern Piedmont chapter offers our congratulations to them. Rumor has it that our chapter was a very close second. Ben Coy did an outstanding job with the chapter this past year, and while we did not come home with the Rudy, Ben will be remembered as one of the best chapter presidents the Southern Piedmont chapter has ever had.



Ben and Tim Accepting Award for Mariana Haddad



Erica accepting the Money Bags Award



Patrick accepting the YEA Influencer Award



Adam accepting the SA RVC Recognition Plaque from Society



Respectfully Submitted,

September 11, 2023

Charlie D. Curlin, Jr., PE

**Southern Piedmont Chapter
Historian**

History Display with Southern Piedmont "Family Tree"

Paul Shelor, Research Promotion Chair

The Fall Golf Tournament is coming up November 8, 2023 at Verdict Ridge Golf Club. Registration is \$100/golfer (\$400/team). Sponsorships are available. Contact Paul Shelor paulshelor@gmail.com for more information. Additional information can be found on the SPASHRAE website: <https://spashrae.wildapricot.org/>

If you are interested in sponsoring the tournament and marketing your business to the SPASHRAE membership, the information can be found here:

[2023 Fall Golf Tournament Sponsorship Package](#)

Patrick Irick, YEA Committee Chair

The YEA Committee is working hard for our Young Engineers in ASHRAE (focused on developing and building on our under 35 membership through technical and professional development) by keeping you in the loop of the new and upcoming opportunities available to you. The SPASHRAE chapter is hosting a YEA Happy Hour (open to all members and guests, not just those under 35) on September 21 5-7pm at Wooden Robot Brewery. Get excited. we have an open bar and a great opportunity to network with your peers throughout the area.

Additionally, the society-level YEA Committee is organizing an exceptional training opportunity at the YEA Leadership Weekend October 27-29 in Chicago. Learn more about it here: [2023 YLW, Chicago](#) If anyone has questions about what this event entails, email your Chapter YEA Chair or VP. We would both be happy to help.

Additionally, you can look into LeadershipU, a society conference sponsored opportunity to learn what the society ExCom does and how the Society Vice Presidents support our membership around the world. ...It is an all expenses paid trip to a society conference including registration, airfare, and lodging. You don't want to miss this opportunity. Find the application and more information here: [LeadershipU](#)

Upcoming Schedule of Chapter Events September-December 2023:

Event Name	Date	Time	Location
YEA Happy Hour – Open tab!!	9/21/2023	5PM-7PM	Wooden Robot
2nd Chapter Meeting = Tom Lawrence	10/5/2023	11:30AM-1PM	Lenny Boy Brewing

Annual Fall Golf Tournament	November 8	10AM-6PM	Verdict Ridge Golf Course
3 rd Chapter Meeting = TBD	11/2/2023	11:30AM-1PM	?
Tech Hour Virtual Meeting – PDHs Available	12/7/2023	11:45AM-1PM	Virtual Meeting
Christmas Auction and 2022-2023 Donor Recognition Event	December ?	6PM-9PM	?

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Sincerely,

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